

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 2, and 6 without prejudice to the claims remaining in the case.

Claims 1-2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (re-presented – formerly dependent on claim 1): The method for treating a work material containing a target constituent comprising the steps of presenting said work material for treating in accordance with said method; and applying a treating agent to said work material operable to treat said work material to achieve a predetermined objective relative to the target constituent in said work material wherein said work material is a liquid solution.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 wherein the target constituent is substantially ozone.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (re-presented – formerly dependent on claim 6): The method of claim 4 wherein said thiosulfate is selected from the group consisting of calcium thiosulfate, potassium thiosulfate, sodium thiosulfate and ammonium thiosulfate wherein said thiosulfate is calcium thiosulfate.

Claim 8 (previously amended): The method of claim 7 wherein said liquid is water.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 8 wherein said target constituent is ozone.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 9 in which, in said presenting step, the water is passed through a water treatment system and, in said applying step, said calcium thiosulfate is applied directly to the water as it is passed through said water treatment system.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 10 in which, in the applying step, the calcium thiosulfate is applied directly to the water as it is passed through said water treatment system at the rate of substantially about four (4) gallons of said calcium thiosulfate per one million gallons (1,000,000 gallons) per day of said water.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 10 wherein, as a result of said applying step, said calcium thiosulfate quenches excess ozone in the water before it passes from the water treatment system substantially without the release of undesirable by-products therefrom.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 13 in which in said presenting step said water treatment system receives said water in a form which would otherwise be considered waste water without treatment by said water treatment system.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 10 in which, in the applying step, said calcium thiosulfate is applied in an amount sufficient substantially to render harmless said ozone in the water.